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Description: ff. i + 113 + i - In limp vellum by Mark Tomsett of European Bookbinding Co., Garden City, New York, ca. 1981; spine, back board and flyleaves of previous binding, ca. 1700, in French calf, retained in separate case. - Benedictine monastery of Saint-André in Villeneuve-lès-Avignon; f. 1, "B. A."; belonged to successive members of the Dijon family of Baudot; Baron Wladimir de Grüneisen; Dr. Ernst Schultz; George A. Plimpton (1855-1936). - De Ricci, p. 1763.

Notes: -The same corpus of materials occurs, virtually completely, in 6 other manuscripts dating from the 9th century.

Acknowledgments: - Much help was gratefully received from Diane Anderson, Donald Bullough, David Ganz, Michael Gorman, Susan Keefe, Roger Reynolds.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 20

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Language: Latin *Country:* France *Century:* 9th

Part 1: ff. 1-113v

Description: - Parchment - 217 x 150 mm - 23-25 long lines ruled in dry point.

Country: France

Cardinal point:

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Assigned Date: s. IX^{2/3}

Searchable Date Range: 830 - 860

Dated by scribe: No

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Number of Scribes: ;2; scribe i, all ff. except f. 32v, lines 9-13; scribe ii, f. 32v, 9-13.

Script: Caroline minuscule; minor initials and occasionally rubrics written in a display script.

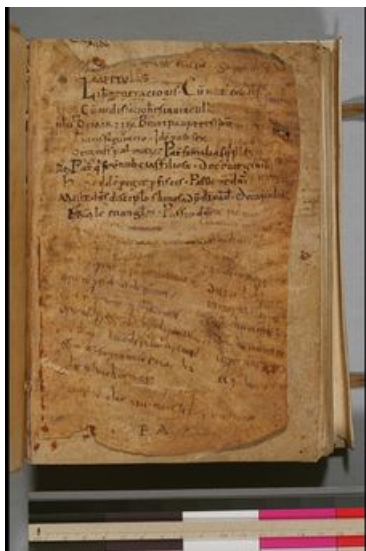
Other Decoration: 8 major initials from full-length to 4-line, in the ink of the text and the orange-tinged color of the rubrics, usually incorporating interlace, animal head terminals, or a backward-scrolled S; 4- or 3- line secondary initials, usually monochrome.

Number of Texts: 19

Text 1: f. 1

Title: List of readings from Matthew; prayers

Language(s): Latin



f. 1 List of readings from Matthew; prayers in lighter ink.

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Text 2: ff. 1v-10v

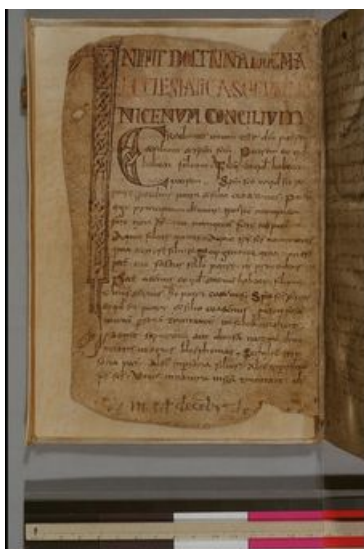
Author: Gennadius

Title: De ecclesiasticis dogmatibus

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Credimus unum esse deum patrem et filium et spiritum sanctum, Patrem eo quod habeat filium

Notes: With interpolations in chapters 14 and 17, and retaining chapters 53-54 (thus of the B1 version).



f. 1v Hierarchy of script; interlace initial.

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Text 3: ff. 10v-67

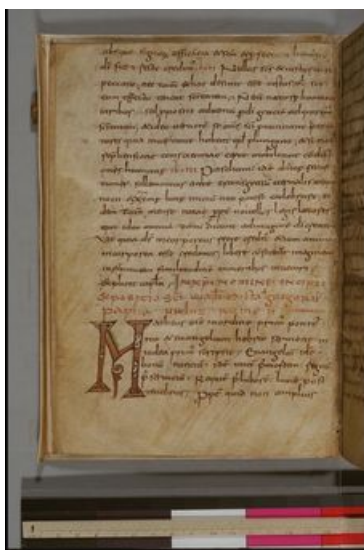
Author: Pseudo Jerome

Title: Expositio quattuor evangeliorum

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Matheus sicut in ordine primus ponitur ita et evangelium hebreo sermone in iudea primus scripsit

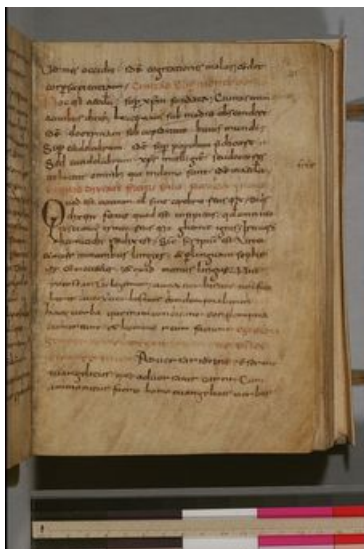
Notes: Attributed in the manuscript to Gregory.



f. 10v Rubric touched with green ink; decorated initial.

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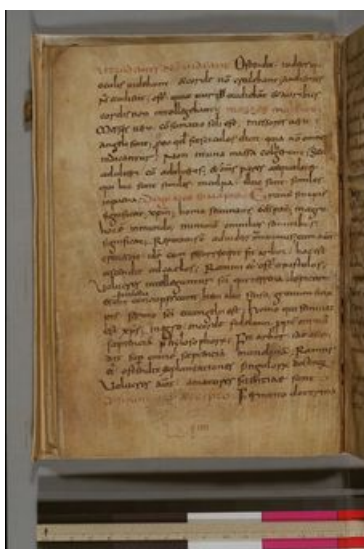
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f. 20 Finemadded in margin to signal end of liturgical reading.

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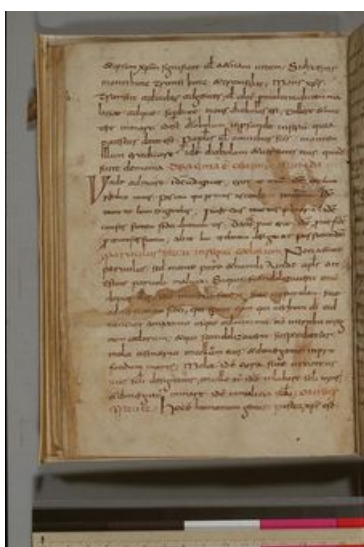
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f. 27v Spanish (?) abbreviation for "-ibus" in third line (added correction?).

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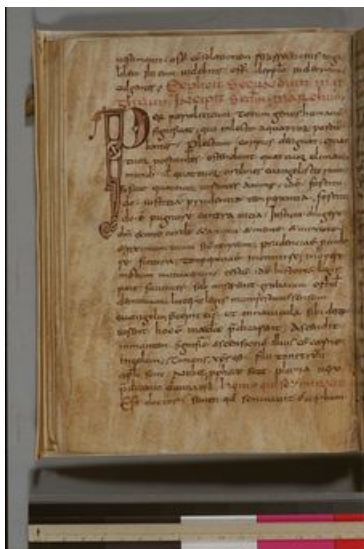
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f. 32v Change of hand.

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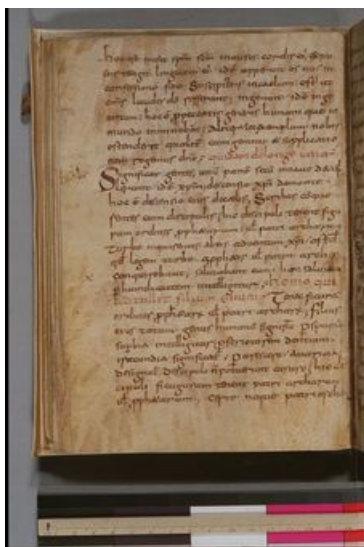
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f. 41v Decorated initial.

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f. 43v Slit in parchment along lower left text edge from excessive pressure in dry point ruling.

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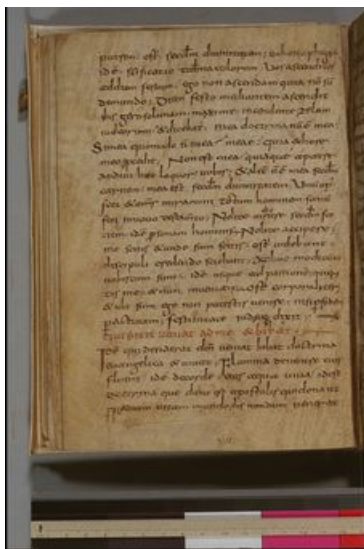
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f. 45v Interlace and biting animal head initial.

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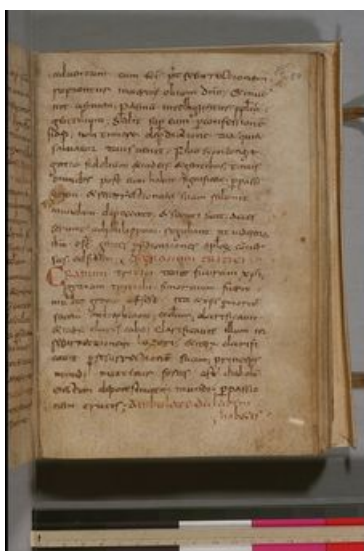
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f. 51v Quire signature, "vii" added at a later date.

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f. 57 Ink feathering from poorly prepared parchment.

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Text 4: ff. 67-85v

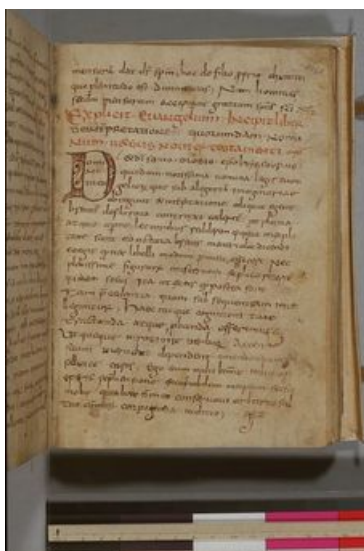
Author: Isidore of Seville

Title: Allegoriae quaedam sacrae scripturae

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Domino meo et dei servo orosio episcopo hysidorus quedam notissima nomina legis evangeliorum . . . Adam figuram christi gestavit

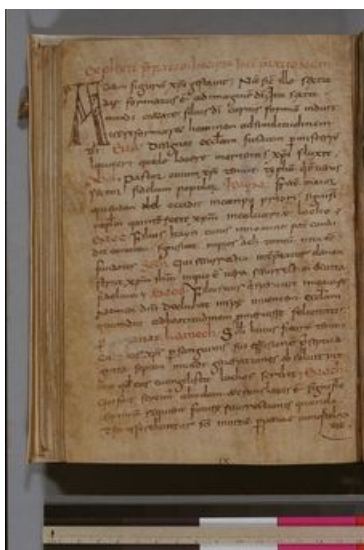
Notes: First incipit is of the dedication; the second is of the text itself.



f. 67 Decorated initial.

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f. 67v Decorated initial; quire numbered "ix" by a later hand.

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Text 5: ff. 85v-90v

Author: Alcuin

Title: De gladio secundum Lucam

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Est enim locus evangelii secundum lucham ubi dominus christus ad passionem ventururs tunicam hac [sic] peram vendere gladiumque emere discipulis iussit

Notes: Letter 136 (excerpt). This letter written ca. 798.

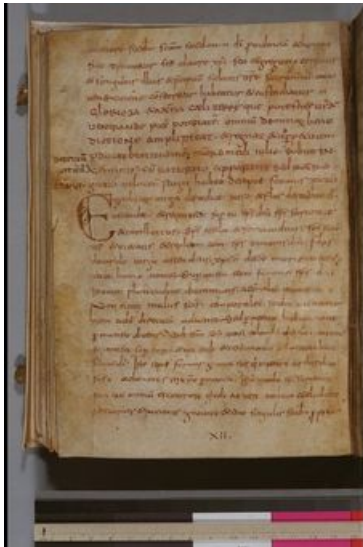
Text 6: f. 90v

Title: Astronomical observation, 798 A.D.

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Gloriosa et aeterna caeli terreque potestas vestram venerande pater potestatem omnium dominorum benedictione amplificat

Notes: Printed by F. Dolbeau, "Du nouveau sur un sermonnaire de Cambridge," *Scriptorium*42 (1988) 255-257.



f. 90v Astronomical observation for the year 798, also found in other manuscripts of this corpus.

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Text 7: ff. 90v-92

Title: De septem formis spiritus sancti

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Egredietur virga de radice iesse . . . Flos de viride virga ascendens christus est

Notes: Based on Isaiah 11:1, linking the 7 forms of the Spirit singly and temporarily with the 7 patriarchs, and combining all attributes permanently with Christ.

Text 8: ff. 92-94

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Primo enim sciendum est quod omnes similitudines evangelice aut apparī [sic] ducuntur

Notes: Passage on the use of figurative language to understand spiritual meaning of the Bible.

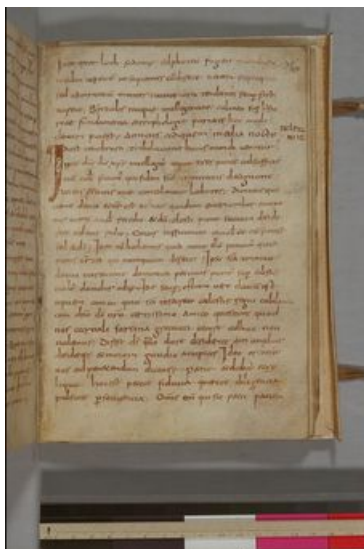
Text 9: ff. 94-95

Title: Homily on the goodness of God

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Amicus ad quem media nocte, id est tenebrosa tribulatione huius mundi venit ipse dominus ihesus christus intellegitur

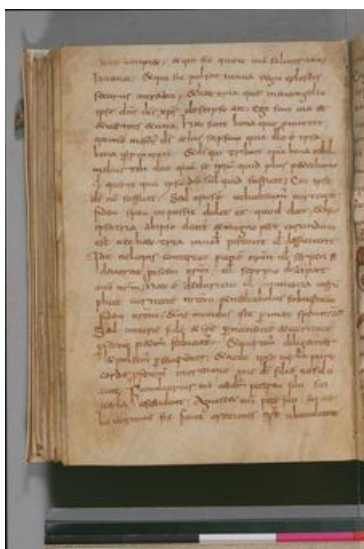
Notes: Homily on the goodness of God and on perseverance in faith, based on Luke 11:5-13.



f. 94 Decorative initial; marginal note on liturgical feast.

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Text 10: ff. 95-101v

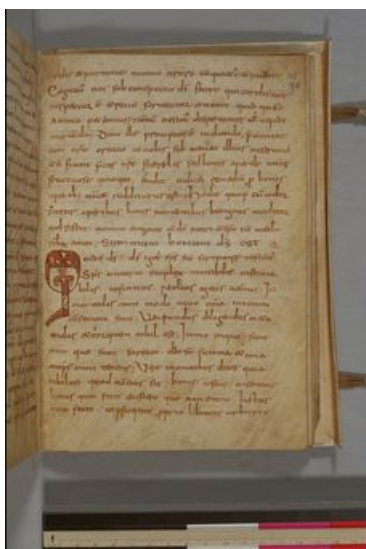
Author: Isidore of Seville

Title: Etymologiarum libri

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Summum bonum deus est. Quid est deus? Deus igitur spiritus sicut scripture testantur

Notes: Abbreviation, by shortening and by omitting passages, of definitions in Isidore, Etymologies books 7-9 in question-answer format.



f. 95 Decorated initial.

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Text 11: ff. 101v-103

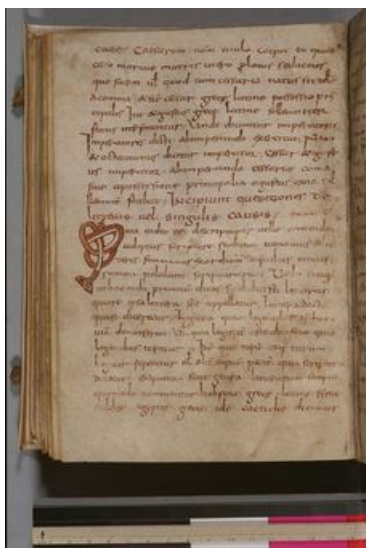
Author: Pseudo Isidore

Title: De veteri ac novo testamento quaestiones

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Quia video te de scripturis velle contendere ad ipsius scripture radicem veniamus

Notes: Question-answer format on the letters on the alphabet, falsely ascribed to Isidore.



f. 101v Decorated initial.

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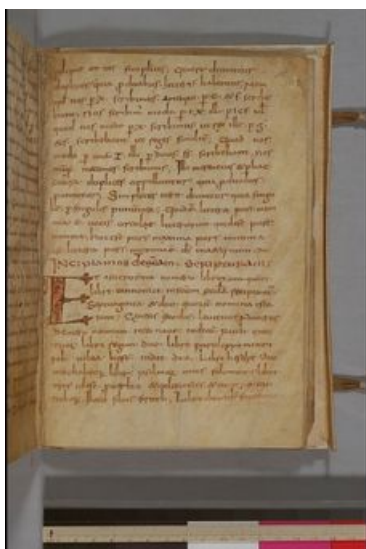
Text 12: ff. 103-106v

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Incipimus de sanctam scripturam [sic Et a sacrorum numero librorum quanti libri canonici in sanctam ecclesiam recipiuntur?

Explicit: Thesalonicensis similiter a civitate colosis qui//

Notes: Numbers of books in the OT and NT and explanations of the names of each book; sometimes treated as a continuation of the preceding text; here ending defectively.



f. 103 Decorated initial.

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Text 13: f. 107r-v

Author: Pseudo Isidore

Title: Commentarii in Genesim ad litteram

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: //sed dum heretici male eorum dicta intelleguntur procul dubio ea ipsa que alios vivificat.

Explicit: apud se semel locutus est deus quia unum verbum genuit.

Notes: Falsely ascribed to Isidore; here beginning defectively; text should begin, "Ubi primum in sacris scripturis sancta trinitas describitur? In exordio libri genesis."

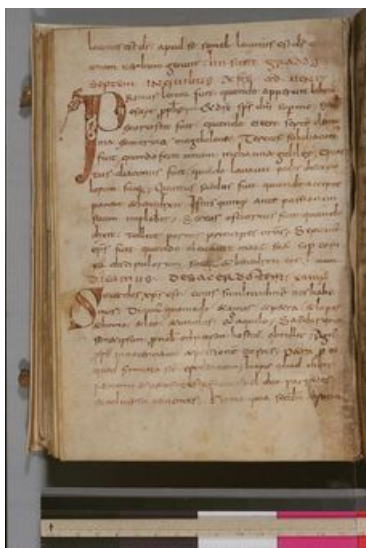
Text 14: f. 107v

Title: Ordinals of Christ

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Primus lector fuit quando apperuit librum esaye prophete et dixit spiritus domini super me

Notes: Identified by R. E. Reynolds, The Ordinals of Christ (Berlin-New York 1978) p. 70 as a copy of the Hibernian Chronological Ordinal.



f. 107v Decorated initial with biting animal head.

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Text 15: ff. 107v-108

Title: Christ as Priest

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Sacerdos christus est cuius similitudinem nos habemus

Notes: See R. E. Reynolds, The Ordinals of Christ (Berlin-New York 1978) pp. 70-71 n. 9.

Text 16: ff. 108-109v

Author: Pseudo Augustine

Title: De divinis scripturis

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Et dedit ei decimas ab omnibus suis. Item illic et vovit iacob votum dicens, Si fuerit dominus deus mecum

Notes: Contains chapter 59, on tithing.

Text 17: ff. 109v-110v

Title: Dicta Leonis episcopi

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Credo in deum patrem omnipotentem et in iesum christum filium eius unicum dominum nostrum qui conceptus est de spiritu sancto . . . His tribus sententiis omnium fere heretichorum machine destruuntur

Text 18: ff. 110v-113

Author: Jerome

Title: Commentariorum in Matheum libri IV

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Erat autem ibi maria magdalene et altera maria sedentes contra sepulcrum. Ceteris relinquentibus dominum, mulieres in officio perseverant

Notes: Commentary on Matthew, Book 4 lines 1889-1987, possibly equivalent to Homily 84.

Text 19: f. 113r-v

Author: Jerome

Title: Commentariorum in Matheum libri IV

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Undecim autem discipuli abierunt in galileam in montem ubi constituerat illis ihesus. Post resurrectionem ihesus in galilee monte conspicitur ubique adhoratur [sic

Notes: Commentary on Matthew, Book 4 lines 1988-2021, equivalent to Homily 85.
